

Spirit of the Agricultural Press

The Question as to "Hopeful."

Wallace's Monthly—in answer to the question proposed by Mr. J. W. Thompson, "Is Hopeful a Maine Breed?"—says it brings up that other question has long exercised the world of Shorthorn breeders, who is the breeder of an animal, the mare, who couples the parents, or the nature of the calf, when dropped.

This latter question has been answered both ways; but Mr. Wallace, even, does not have courage enough to say which is right. He simply takes a common sense view of the matter, and says that the dam of Hopeful was foaled in Buckfield, sold, and by her owner taken to Massachusetts, where she was purchased by her owner Mr. Whitcomb to God's Father. She was subsequently sent to Maine to be kept, and here Hopeful was foaled. Hence Hopeful is not a Maine horse as Mr. Whitcomb lived in Massachusetts. But if he had lived in this State he had sent the dam of Hopeful to God's Father for service, then Hopeful would have been a Maine bred horse. Mr.

place says:—"Many horses have been imported into England, when in fact, from England, and although the produce were dropped here, they have always been claimed as imports of the United States, and the man who couples the pigs in England has always been given a reward."

Increased Industry Necessary.
The *Rural New Yorker* in discounting on the above heading says:—"We want greater variation in our productive industry. Northern farmers' produce is low, but because of other productions in industry."

standstill and the utmost economy is in purchasing only articles that are utterly necessary. The Southern planter complains that cotton is low; but if branches of productive industry were being, the country could take all the cotton crop at an advance of two or three cents per pound over present rates. Money there is as settled in commercial centers and stays there, doing no good to the mass of the people and very little to holders. What is needed is, first, the production of salable articles which will

The Ideal Farmer's Paper.
The *New England Farmer* is correct idea of a first class agricultural journal. "It is one which is largely made up of writings of many earnest, practical farmers, men who love their business, and believe that tilling the earth is the noblest work of man, and who also believe that

more intelligent a people the stronger the weather they will be, and who cannot only a duty but a pleasure to contribute their portion towards increasing the moral intelligence of their class or their trymen." And similar views are expressed by the *Western Rural*, in the following which we most heartily endorse:—"He reads a good agricultural paper does a good thing. He who induces a neighbor to read such a paper does a good thing. He who makes public through an agricultural paper his own views on any subject, who makes public through an agricultural

paper a valuable fact, a useful bit of science, or who sets in motion trains of thought by a pertinent question, does good to many. If you can write a "nice article" as well; if you cannot, it need not be a reason for neglecting to write. Whoever in his possession a fact or opinion which he thinks would be of interest or value to his neighbor has the one essential qualification of a correspondent of an agricultural paper."

One Kind of Book Farming.
No farmer can succeed at the present

day unless he be a "book farmer," and the first book he will read at this time will be a memorandum book in which he may set down whatever may occur to him as being to be done. If he attends to this "farming" properly, he will find that a many entries will have to be made, and everything set down should be taken care of in order. The secret of those who are known as workers, is that they work methodically and do everything at the proper time, and there is no business in which so much can be accomplished as in farming. If it fails, unless the work be done when it is

Hereditary Influence of Culture
It is chiefly the people who themselves trained minds who desire thorough training for their children. Culture is much to descend to children than wealth, but the natural forces of hereditary transmission are on its side. How surely in our agricultural meetings are those who have improved their understandings by reading always the side of the improvements in favor of the

Soils and Manure for Fruit Trees.
Certain soils are usually better suited for fruit because of their composition, and some are improved by the addition of certain manures. Calcareous soils, like those of the Mississippi bluffs, at Warsaw are specially adapted for fruit trees. Clay soils are usually better than sandy soils. White or mulatto soils are generally

than the black and somewhat peaty
soils. White oak soils we think are a
good fruit soils. The class of mauerer
valuable in fruit culture, are ashes
salt, bone, &c. In the case of the str
the effect of some of these specia
ures is quite immediate, and can be
in higher color and a more glazed su
Ashes have been seen to have a mark
fect on the color and consistency of pe
—*Pratt Farmer.*

viewing the results of the Farmers' Convention which have been held throughout the country the past winter says:—"It is the plan of the Secretaries of the Boards to draw around them, as a nucleus, these winter meetings interested and useful, the best men that could be obtained with the means at their command. These men come to the meetings not to talk; not alone to impart instruction but also to gain knowledge. All of these men come from homes where they have been studying to learn something not yet

They give the results of their research and investigations to the public. Meetings are eminently practical. One who attends them expects to learn something, and to put the knowledge acquired to a practical use on the farm. It is the audience in attendance at any one thing, when compared with the great number of farmers who stay at home, is exceedingly small. But the men who do attend are representative men. They have an influence which will be felt when they return home. Then the power of the press is boy-

information which is given away at meetings. There may be less than a dozen reports of a meeting publishes the valuable points are copied and read. All they are familiar to every new reader from Maine to Minnesota and the upper Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico.

Advice to Tree Buyers.

The Country Gentleman in a timely way the above heading, gives, among others, the following hints to those who purchase fruit trees this spring:

enter through such of their agents as show satisfactory credentials of recentness. Give the preference to nurseries whose trees their agents have year after year in their neighborhood, although good estates at times occupy new fields. Avoid the agent of a nursery, if the existing phreatic water of which you have doubts, or buy new or high-priced articles, well-tried and reliable sorts, at their prices, or what you want. New this year for amateurs and nurserymen, and this

to her

The Markets.

Brighton Cattle Market. WEDNESDAY, MAR. 29. Arrivals of stock at market—Cattle, 100; sheep, 100; pigs, 100. Cattle—Heavy Cattle, 100; light Cattle, 100; sheep, 100; pigs, 100. Sheep—Heavy Sheep, 100; light Sheep, 100; pigs, 100. Pigs—Heavy Pigs, 100; light Pigs, 100.

Congressional Summary.

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 29. The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill to amend the act to provide for the payment of the principal of the bonds of the United States. The bill was passed by a vote of 75 yeas and 15 nays.

Special Notices.

Dr. Schenck's Standard Remedies. The Standard Remedies for all diseases of the lungs are Schenck's Pulmonary Syrup, Schenck's Catarrh Syrup, and Schenck's Cough Syrup. These remedies are sold by all druggists.

TESTIMONIALS.

Haymaker Mower. Mr. Geo. H. Weaver, New York, N. Y., writes: "I have used your Haymaker Mower for several years and it has given me the best results. It is a most perfect machine and I highly recommend it to all farmers."

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Wool Market.

Wool Market. BOSTON, MAR. 29. There is a fair demand for wool. The market is quiet. The price of wool is \$1.50 per pound. The market is quiet.

Boston Market.

Boston Market. LONDON, MAR. 29. Flour and grain—The demand for flour is fair. The market is quiet. The price of flour is \$1.50 per bushel. The market is quiet.

Married.

Married. In Auburn, March 11, Mrs. J. Smith to Miss J. Smith. In Portland, March 12, Mrs. J. Smith to Miss J. Smith. In Bangor, March 13, Mrs. J. Smith to Miss J. Smith.

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